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**MARCH 19, 2009  
WORK & REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**FLAG SALUTE** – Mayor

**INVOCATION** – Rev. Mantella Bradley, St. Mark & All Saints Episcopal Church

**ROLL CALL:** Marczyk, Norris, Falivene, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

**Absent:** Green

**Also Present:** Mayor Elco; City Solicitor, Mike Blee; City Administrator, Terry Dolan; CFO, Jessica Thompson & Carie Crone, City Clerk

**PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW** – Lynn

**NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED** – Lynn

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion to open to public – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

**Tom Carey – 14 Euclid Drive** – wanted to bring attention to the trash along the WHP from Home Depot all the way to the Sunoco Station on the right hand side of the street; it seems like everyone is just dumping their stuff there and it looks awful coming into the city. On Turner Ave. there is a house right there that looks a mess. The gas station that just opened on the WHP has had a mattress sitting there for 7 months. At the train station, it's a disgrace; people are sleeping there near the heat source and are using the staircase as a urinal.

Motion to close public – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Falivene

All were in favor.

**WORK MEETING**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED BELOW ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.**

**2009 RESOLUTIONS**

72 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the United Methodist Church of Absecon for the operation of the Community Center for Senior Citizens. **MOVED**

73 Authorizing membership in a Mutual Aid and Assistance agreement with participating units. **MOVED**

**Terry** – explained that some language changes regarding liability were made.

**Mayor** – this was on the agenda 3-4 years ago and somehow it wasn't moved. He is glad to see it going through now. Thanked Terry and Mike for their time.

**Jerry** – this will put us in compliance with NIMS. As of today, we could not receive any grants because we didn't have this agreement, so hopefully this will allow us in the future to receive grants.

**Lynn** – also thanked Terry and Mike for the liability issue.

74 Accepting a Volunteer Firefighter into the Absecon City Fire Department, namely Joseph Pischelli. **MOVED**

75 Authorizing a refund of an excavation permit fee in the name of South Jersey Gas Co. **MOVED**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Consent Agenda**

**All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed separately.**

#### **Resolutions #72 through #75 made up the consent agenda.**

Motion to move Consent Agenda – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Falivene

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Norris, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

#### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$1,181,759.56**

Motion to approve: – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Vizthum

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Norris, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS – Carie**

Construction - \$2,450

Tax - \$3,227,276.62

City Clerk - \$2,345.95

Court - \$9,624.83

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – 2/5/09 and 2/19/09

Closed Session as to form and content only – 2/19/09

Motion to approve: – Councilman Norris – second – Councilwoman Gorman

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Norris, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

## REPORTS

**Mayor** – no report

**Joe** – received \$1,600 from JIF towards our safety program.

**Charlie** –no meeting due to basketball tournament.

**Jerry** – you all know of the tax deficit we had for 2008, we then asked the tax office to step up the tax sale and he reported that we did receive a significant response in the last couple of days and we had payment made from the largest delinquency account and he gave credit to the tax office. Our new coordinator of the Emergency Management is changing some things and he feels it will be helpful.

**Jim** – he met with the ABCD group and they spoke about the Downtown Fair on 9/26 and he hopes the downtown project will be complete by then. The stores are being more maintained on NJ Ave. and encouraged all residents to walk the shops.

**Bobbie** – announced upcoming events. Thanked Mr. Carey for pointing the areas in need to us and we could use them in our community clean up this year.

**Lynn** – a budget meeting needs to be set up. Our aid was cut; the library agreed to give the city \$100,000 to be used in the 2009 budget; the tax sale was moved up so we can use that money too; we've received almost \$15,000 in interest for late fees also. We need to discuss the pension delays.

**Jerry** – explained for the public that we are not spending our cap and are actually spending less than last year. He explained where some of drops are coming from.

**Jim** – 3/23 a free small business seminar will be held here at city hall.

**Terry** – he asked Bob Battista to give a presentation at that seminar and asked him to come tonight.

**Bob** – explained a little bit about what he is doing. Recycling fliers were made up and he has created welcome letters and he is giving them out to new residents and businesses. Attended family night at Marsh school. ABTV is advertising schedules; the website has a link for ACUA.

**Mayor** – thanked Bob for his work.

**Jerry** – asked if he has seen any grants out there for solar energy.

**Bob** – yes and gave them to Terry and the Mayor.

**Terry** – there are lot of incentives out there. The Mayor and I met with a company who only needs an approval from you to buy power and they do it all.

## PUBLIC PORTION –

Motion to open to public – Councilman Norris – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor.

**Greg Lang – 720 Ohio Ave.** – wants to know when Cannon Ave. will be paved.

**Terry** – the developer is working with those plans now to get his approvals. Needs to talk to Public Works about the base course of paving and if it satisfy the requirements for emergency vehicles.

Motion to close – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

## CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION - #76- 2009

**Attorney Mike Blee** – stated the reason as being:

1. Under the contract negotiation exception to the open public meetings act, specifically contract negotiations with the Chief of Police. Those minutes can be disseminated perhaps only by court order due to the ongoing relationship with the city.

No action will be taken following the meeting.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

**Mike** – it's now 9:40 p.m. and the issues discussed were those announced prior to going into executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Vizthum  
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_